# CHRISTMAS EVE IN MANCHESTER

Special Music at the Various Churches To-Day.

THE ASSESSORS APPOINTED.

Next Trial of the Famous Eyler Case May Result in an Acquittal-Eyler Bailed-Personal and

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The city of Manchester was unusually quiet hast evening considering the occasion. With all the extra police force not an arrest was made. Such a Christmas eve has not passed in many years. SPECIAL MUSIC.

Special music will be given at Central Methodist church to-day. The following will compose the choir: Mr. G. W. Lánton, organist; Mrs. G. S. McRae, Misses Mattie Ellington, Norma Lathrow, Cora Lampkin, Nellie Reed, copranos; Mrs. Graves, Misses Graves, Sallie Reed, altos; J. E. Redford and Charles W. Schaadt, basso; Mr. B. P. Vaden, tenor. The choir at Bainbridge-Sireet Esptist church to-day will be made up of the following voices; Sopranos, Misses Fage Snellings, Lovell, Julia Goode; altos, Misses Shirley Walten, Florye Moody; basso, T. E. Burton and D. D. Harrisen; tenor, J. J. Roach, Harvie Harding and W. B. Nunnally; organist, Miss Harding.

Harding.
ASSESSORS APPOINTED. ASSESSORS APPOINTED.

Judge Ingram appointed yesterday the property assessors for the city of Manchester. Mr. Henry C. Beattle is assessor, with Messrs. George E. Gary and Mathew Morton assistants.

These appointments are made only every five years, and by the value of property as set by these gentlemen the tax collector is governed.

The new assessment will begin January the first.

the first. BAIL GRANTED.

Judge Gregory, counsel for Eyler, appeared before Judge Clopton to-day and secured ball for his client. Eyler has been confined in the county jail since last March. A new trial has been granted in the case, and his counsel believes it will result in acquittal.

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MR. DIANNIS CHAPLAIN.

It has been reported the Rev. Benj.

Dennis, rector of Meade Memorial church,
has been in Washington city for the last
two days seeking an appointment as chaplain in the United States army to do ser-vice in the Philippines. The report stated he visited the War Department with Congressman Lamb and put in his

Inquiry was made at the home of Rev. fr. Dennis yesterday morning as to the ruth of this report. Mrs. Dennis stated that Mr. Dennis had been fishing for the last two days, and if he had been in Washington she knew nothing of it. ELDRIDGE—FORE.

Mr. T. W. Eldridge and Miss Ruth Fore left yesterday for Washington, where they were married. Miss Fore is a popular young lady, living on De-catur street, Mr. Eldridge is connected with the Southern ranfoan.

MANCHESTER MUSIC.

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Rev W. W. Sisk, the new pastor of Ciopton-Street Baptist church will preach at his church to-day, both morning and night. His sermons will be appropriate to the birth of our Saviour. The musical programme will be rendered by the colors follow. Manuface 1 Dayslaws. cal programme will be rendered by the choir as follows, Marning, 1. Doxology, 2. Invocation, 3. Voluantry, "Hosanna in the Highest." 4. Hymm, 5. Scripture, 6. Prayer, 7. Offertory, Praise Ye the Lord. 8. Hymn, 9. Sermon, 10. Voluntary "Forever with the Lord." 11. Hymn, Night, Voluntary, Choir, 2. Hymn, 3. Scripture, 4. Prayer, 5. Offertory selection solo, Miss Rosa Turnley, 6. Hymn, 7. Sermon, 8. Hymn.

Sermon, 8. Hymn. The following compose the choir: Sopra.

The following compose the choir: Sopranos, Miss Rosa Turnley, Mary B. Hancack Annie Barham, Minnie Fuqua, Mesdames W. H. Marshall, W. T. Jones and Lily Hayes Paul, Alto, Miss Maud Clements, Mrs. B. A. Hancock, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. T. J. Morrissett, Tenor, Messrs W. M. Jones and H. A. Morrissett, Bass, Messrs, J. T. Morrissett, John T. Mc. Messre, J. T. Morrissett, John T. Mc Cann and B. H. Morrissett, Organist Mrs Harvie Morrissette, Wm. J. Morrissett sette, Leader and Cornetist

Clopton-Street Baptist Sunday school will have their annual Christmas celebratton on Thursday night, next.
AT THE CHURCHES.

Stockton-Street church to-day: Sun-day school at 9:15 A. M.; Preaching at 11 A. M. and at 7:45 P. M. Morning sub-ject; "Christ the World's Savior." Even-ing subject; "The claims of Christ upon the Individual," Special music will be rendered by the choir. All are invited to the services. The pastor especially deto the services. The pastor especially desires that all the members of the church to be present. The Little Workers' Society will meet at 2:30 P. M.

Services at Central Methodist church, Desember 24th: Rev. J. C. Reed, pastor, will preach morning and night. Sermon will be suited to the season. There will be a season. There will be a sun-rise prayer-meeting

at West-End church Monday, Christmas morbling, conducted by the Epworth League. The public is cordially invited. Bervices at West-End church to-day usual, conducted by the pastor, Re C. Berryman. Epworth League mee gs at 3 and 7 P. M. All are invited. PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mrs. E. G. Tatum, of Toronto, is visit ing Mrs. D. A. Snelling. At a Leeting of Henderson Lodge

At a Lecting of Henderson Lodge, No. 105, last Thursday night, the following officers were elected; Noble Grand, C. S. Vells; Vice-Grand, A. P. Lum: Secre-tary Matthew Morton; Treasurer, O. J. Markham; Chaplain, J. W. Toney. On Monday, December 25th, the post-office will be closed at 11 A. M. The car-riers will make one morning collection,

but no delivery trip. The carriers will de-liver mail from 10 to 11 A. M. at the office

to their patrons.

Mrs. T. F. Mayer, of Emperia, Greensville county, Va., is spending the holiday
with her sister, Mrs. George A. Brunning,

n, 1815 Hull street, s. W. R. Smith, who has been visit-Mrs. Vernon Bradshaw, of 714 Mc cough street, has returned to her home

Frank Turnley and Mr. William Grobes have been appointed special police at Swansboro during the holidays.

"Lester, dear," said Mrs. Giddings, lously, to her husband, "I don't like that cough of yours." "I'm sarry," replied Giddings, "but it is the best I have."—Collier's Weekly.

"Keep to Your Place and

Your Place will Keep You."

Without good health we cannot keep situations nor enjoy life. Most troubles originate in impure blood. Hood's Sarsa-parilla makes the blood rich and pure, and thus promotes good health, which will help you "keep your place."



# NO HOPE OF MEDIATION

Lord Salisbury Would Not Consider Offer of It in Any Form.

ENGLAND PREPARED TO WAIT.

The Estimate of Length of War is From Three Months to One Year. There is No Likelihood of European Intervention,

St. Nic. holas is on top all over the

world this season, and in this year of

of all years, and in this century of all

centuries, and in this country of all

HE'LL PRESENT FIFTY HAND.

SOME WATCHES to fifty of our lit-

tle friends at our store, Tuesday, De-

cember 26th, their names having been first taken from our Xmas box (after the same had been thoroughly

shaken up) by Captain Frank M.

Wise, of Merchants National Bank,

who responded to our invitation to take out (at random) the winners.

Names of those who will receive

them appear in another [column in

WISHING OUR YOUNG FRIENDS

AND ALL A MERRY XMAS, WE

O.H. Berry Co.

CONTRACT WITH

SHOE COMPANY

There is Mystery as to Reason for

Investigation.

MR. PILCHER IS THE AUTHOR.

He Has Stated Only in General Terms

Why He Wishes the Inquiry

Made-Present Agreement Has Six Years to Run.

Considerable interest is being manifes

ted in the proposed investigation of the

contract between the Davis Shoe Com-

pany and the Commonwealth for the hire

Delegate Pilcher, who offered the reso-

lution, has never made public his reason

The present contract with the compan

does not expire until May, 1906, It is said in legislative circles that Mr. Pilcher wants to ascertain the reasons for the renewal of a contract that has more than six years to run. He believes, so it is stated, that by walting a few years the

OTHERS MIGHT APPLY. There is a report to the effect that another hig concern wants to hire convicts, and is willing to compete with the Davis

ived the approval of the Governor atte nreful consideration.
Mr. A. C. Harman, the president of the

Board of Directors, said to-day he did not know what object Mr. Pilcher had in view

but the board would assist him and his committee in every possible manner in the investigation. It is not unusual Mr. Harman said, to renew the contracts with this compuny several years in advance of the expiration of the existing agree-

The Capitol was nearly deserted yesterday

by members of the Legislature and the attaches of the two houses. Delegate Hubard, of Buckingham, was on hand.

He will spend the holidays here. Messrs. Thomas H. Bigger and Sam. W. Bigger were in the office of the Clerk of the

Mr. William Wilson, the faithful and

respected superintendent of the Senate'

cloak-room and stationery department and postmaster, was present as usual, and so was "Old William," the colored

Crescent City Races. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—The weather cloudy and track muddy.
First race—one mile.—Miss Dolley (7 to and 3 to 1) first, Good Order (5 to I and to I) second. Dominis (20 to I) third.

Time 1:53.

Second race—six furlongs—Edgarland
II. (3 to 1 and 6 to 5) first. Tyrba (3 to 1
and 6 to 5) second, Meddlesome (6 to 1)
third. Time, 1:21.

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Third race—one mile.—Rushfield (12 to 1 and 4 to 1) first, Bluelick (8 to 1 and 3 to 1) second, Moncreith (3 to 1) third. Time,

Fourth race-Crescent City handleap,

mile and an eighth.—Lackman (8 to 1 and 5 to 1) first, Alpena (12 to 1 and 6 to 1) second, Prince Blazes (4 to 1) third. Time,

2:04%. Fifth race—one mile.—St. Lorenzo (8 to

1 and 3 to 1) first, Acushia (11 to 5 and 4 to 5) second, Uhler (5 to 1) third. Time,

OBITUARY.

Mr. Robert J. Mahon.

noon at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. W. O. Arnall, No. 1120 north Twenty-fourth street. Mr. Mahon was a young man, only been married a few years. He

man, only been harried a lew years, heaves a widow and two small children. He was a member of Old Dominion Lodge, No. 387, of B. R. T. and also a member of Union Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F.

The funeral will take place at noon Mon-

George T. Curtis.

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ALEXANDRIA, VA., Dec. 23.—Special,
George T. Curtis, a well-known citizen,
tled this morning, after a lingering illcess, He was fifty-one years of age, and
eaves a large family. He was a member
f Alexandria, Council, Royal Arcanum,
nd for years had been employed as speial policeman at the Pennsylvania railcal denot.

Rollo Henry.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Dec. 23.—Special.
ol'o Henry, an aged and well-known exoliceman, died last night at his home in
ois city.
He was a member of the old night
uards before the police force was oranised.

ganized.

After the present police system was introduced he served on the force for

lay from his late residence.

Mr. Robert J. Mahon died yesterday at

Senators for many years.

ot-black, who has waited upon the

might receive more pay for its

of convicts.

for his action.

convicts

this paper.

ARE SINCERELY.

countries he ought to be welcome.

(Copyright, 1899, by the Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 23.-Not for many years past has Great Britain faced such a situaas confronts her this Christmas. t to meet it there has arisen new Britain, which by its virility and ck extorts admiration even from her

bluck extoris admiration teaching bitterest continental critics.

Since the boastfulness has disappeared from the British press, the comments of the foreign papers, at least such as are printed here, are couched in tones far more fair and friendly than when it was the state of the present that the state of the present that the present the p believed a speedy victory awaited Gen-eral Buller.

As repeatedly asserted, there is no likeli-nood of European intervention, yet W As repeatedly asserted, there are hood of European intervention, yet W. T. Stead, in the Dally Chronicle, to-day, has a very alarming column, in which he has visions of a "superior Jameson raid" by sixty thousand Frenchmen of London in the absence of the channel

Mr. Stead points out how easily, in his pinion, this might be accomplished, and

To rely, as some appear to do upor the addition of a number of raw recruits under the excitement and stimulus of the resent war fever is to rely on a broke eed. Woolwich arsenal might be it flames and the French tri-color flying over Westminster Palace before the first of these new recruits would have learned to andle a gua."
SEEK MEDIATION.

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Though Great Britain's plight in South Africa seems temporarily critical, the Associated Prezs learns that the Boers are straining every nerve to secure the mediation of President McKiniey towards a favorable peace. But any one with the siightest understanding of British feeling quickly appreciates that not one person in a million contemplates any result but an ultimate British triumph and all sections unite in saying this must be secured, no matter what the cost. Hence, the Boer agents themselves have only the slight hopes that mediation would be accepted, though believing, if President McKinley could be persuaded to proffer it. Lord Salisbury, though perhaps bound to refuse, would lose humanitarian sympathy in the United States and thus divert to the Boers much wavering sentiment.

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The Associated Press is informed from excellent sources, that no offer of mediation would be accepted by Lord Salisbury in any shape or form. The popular conception of peace is that it must come through the idol of the army, General Roberts, and his not less adored chief of staff, General Kitchener. The country is prepared to wait indefinitely for that ending. The fail of Kimberley, Ladysmith and Mateking would not make a particle ending. The fall of Kimberley, Ladysmitt and Mafeking would not make a particl of difference, for this stoical resolve i of difference, for this stoical resolve is thoroughly imbedded in the hearts of the people who, for the first time in the memory of this generation, have drank deeply of the cup of military defeat and disgrace. Any other defeats that the future holds for the British, except entire annihilation, are anticipated by the scathing criticism which the nation has inflicted upon itself. Estimates of the duration of hostilities vary from three months to a year.

The lack of news this week has by no means been taken as an instance of the adage regarding no news. A very general impression prevails that Kimberley will succumb.

WILL SHOOT CECIL RHODES WELL SHOOT CECIL RHODES.

An officer of the British South Africa Company, who has an intimate knowledge of South Africa, tells the Associated Press he believes that if the Boers capture Cecil Rhodes they will shoot him.

Nowhere more than on the Stock Exchange has the lack of information caused extreme nervousness. It is realized that if Kimberley falls DeBeers Mines shares and interests will shrivel to nothing.

Company for them.

The contract was renewed by the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary and reies will lose what little bottom they

nave left, It is learned by the Associated Press that the great financial houses in Londo

that the great financial douses in London have combined and furnished sufficient money to insure no large failures on "Settling Day," December 28th, though the small fry may suffer.
Unless this action had been taken several well-known houses, of large proportions, would, it is said, have to go wides. This concepted prequision has to This concerted precaution has, to some extent, restored confidence, but the

# Few Days' Brew of Deadly Uric Acid

In a few days you brew enough urio acid in your own body to produce death. Your kidneys are your only salvation. Hecause when they are well, they filter out this deadly poison.

So, when your kidneys are sick, you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected, and how every organ seems to fail to do its duty.

They are all being slowly poisoned. Uric acid poison irritates the nerves, and causes rheumatic pains in joints, muscles and limbs, headache, backache, stom ach and liver trouble, shortness of breath heart trouble, dizziness, nervousness, irritability, lassitude, loss of ambition, weak-

ness and wasting away. Red brick dust and similar sediments in the urine are also caused by various salts of uric acid.

The cure for these troubles is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy. It instantly relieves the congested, over-

worked kidneys, and gradually brings them back to health. Healthy kidneys keep down the excess of uric acid, and you soon feel the benefit

in new health and strength. Swamp-Root should at onve be taken upon the least sign of ill-health. It will make you well and is for sale the world

over in bottles of two sizes and two prices, fifty-cent and one-dollar. Swamp-Root is used in the leading hos pitals; recommended by skillful physicians in their private Practice; and is taken by doctors themselves who have kidney aliments, because they recognize in it the greatest and most successful remedy for kidney and bladder troubles.

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To prove its wonderful efficacy, send your name and address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., mentioning this paper, when you will receive, free of all charge, a sample bottle of Swamp-Root and a valuable book, by mail, prepaid. This book contains many of the thousands upon thousands of testimonial letters received from men and women cured.

of Westminster was one of the richest men in England, no leading newspaper has taken the trouble to procure an esti-mate of his wealth. He owned several thousand parcels of London realty, which together, according to the Duke's own statement, made six hundred acres. Much of this is in Belgravia, the aristocratic resident section. He also had 20,000 acres in the country, and an annual licome of £750,000. His realty values in London to the dukedom is the late Duke's grandson in South Africa, an afde-de-camp of Sir Afred Milner, the Governor of Cape Colony.

Sir Alfred Milner, the Governor of Cape Colony.

HIS HAFIT OF LIFE.

The papers abound in anecdotes of the late Duke. He was careless and shabby in his dress, and his life at Eaton Hall was that of an ordinary country gentleman. At any time during his stay in Cheshire the Duke might be seen riding or walking about his park, usually smoking a eigarette, not often composed of tobacco, for he used medicated cigarettes as a remedy for asthma. To his household the Duke was always an enigma. He rarely spoke to the servanis, and had an odd way of leaving bits of paper about on chairs, with a word of blame as to their conduct, but with such personages as his house ateward, head coachman and stud groom, he was on most affable and confidential terms.

The Czar will pregent Prince George, of Greece, with a splendid yacht as a new year's gift. The vessel has been specially built at Sebastopol, and is intended as a souvenir of Prince George's saving the life of the Czar in Japan, while they were on a tour around the world, a number of years ago.

Sir Thomas Lipton's plans for 1961 are progressing. He is confident his next boat will be much faster than the Shamrock. He said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"I feel I will have a better chance next time, as I will have the Shamrock as a trial horse. As you know I had

next time, as I will have the Shamrock as a trial horse. As you know I had o work completely in the dark with the Shamrock, and I know she can be

greatly Improved on as far as speed is concerned. With her designer ill, the best was not to be got out of her."

## DAN GILLESPIE'S TRIAL.

Charged With the Murder of White, Pleads Self Defence.

TAZEWELL, VA., Dec. 23.—Special.— The trial of the Commonwealth against Dan Gillespie for the killing of a man by the name of White, about seven miles east of this place, some weeks ago, is now going on in the County Court, Judge J. going on in the County Court, Judge J.
H. Stuart presiding. The accused is ably
represented by Messrs. Chapman and Gill.
espie, Judge S. C. Graham, H. C. Alderson
and Colonel A. J. May, and the prosecution by A. S. Higgenbotham, who was
appointed by the court to prosecute this
case, as Barns Glespie, the Commonwealth's Attorney, is a near relative of
the accused. This case has created a great
deal of interest in this community by reason of the fact of the prominence of the
Gillespie family in this county.

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White was a very bad man, having been in many difficulties before he was killed, and the accused is pleading self-defence, and public opinion is strongly in his favor. The trouble occurred over a cow of White's that ran in the same pasture with the cow of Gillesple, Gillesple having gone for his cow one evening, found her and White's cow in a thicket. He sent his nd White's cow in a thicket. He sent his log in to drive the cow out and White's ow came out with that of Gillespie. The og was barking and was making consid-rable noise, which reached the ears of the vife of White, who lived a short distance away. When her husband came home at night she told him Gillespie had been dog-ging his cow. White thereupon shouldered his gun and in company with his wife, went to the home of Gillespie and used come very abusive language to him in the presence of Gillespie's wife and threatened

to stil him it he would came out.

Gillesple was on the porch of his house and White in the yard. Gillesple had no gun in the house, but started off to a neighbor's to borrow one. White in the can time, in company with his wife, left for his home. Gillespie secured the gun and returned, and he and his wife and a man by the name of Wells started and a man by the name of Wells started after White. After going some distance Wells and Gillespie's wife prevailed upon Gillespie to allow Wells to go forward and try and pacify White, and thus settle the trouble. White was then seen some little distance away with his lantern. Wells started to meet White, who had been halled, and tried to stop him and talk the matter over. White would and talk the matter over. White would not listen to him nor stop, but started on to where Gillespie was standing with

espie's wife, seeing that White had paid no heed to Wells, started out to mee him, and called to him. White paid no attention to her, but raised his gun and ointed it at Gillespie. White's wife, who had follow her husband, caught his arm and pulled the gun down, whereupon White made some retort to her and raised the gun again, and then Gillesple shot dm. killing him almost instantly.

The load of shot entered his breast.

Sympathy is with Gillespie, and it is

### A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

Miss Jeannie Oliver Abbot and Mr. J. P. C. Southall Married.

LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 22-Special.-At Bellevue High school, Bedford coun-At Believie High school, Bedied county, at noon to-day, was celebrated a most beautiful and impressive marriage ceremony, when Miss Jeannie Oliver Abbot, the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Abbot, was married to Mr. James Powell Cocke Southall, professor of natural philosophy at Hobart college, Geneva,

All of the appointments of the occasion were simple, but elegant, and as their wont, Mr. and Mrs. Abbot extended a cordial and graceful hospitality to

The bride was arrayed in an exquisite gown of white creps de chene, over the soft folds of which fell the long filmy meshes of the bridal veil. In her hand mesnes of the bridal veil. In her hand she carried an ivery bound prayer book. She was attended by her sister, Miss Loulie Abbot, as maid of honor, who was handsomely gowned in white and carried a large cluster of white Roman hyacinths.

Professor Raleigh Colston Miner, of the University of Virginia, acted as best

The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. Lemosy, rector of St. Stephens'

### LOST HER LIFE FOR HER CHILD.

Little Girl Burned to Death in a Bonfire-The Mother Perishes Too.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Dec. 23.—Spe-cial.—Pauline, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. William Fitch, of Belmont, was burned to death in a bon-fire late yesterburned to death in a bon-ire like yester-day evening. Her mother went to her rescue, and was so seriously burned that she died at 12:30 last night. Mrs. Fitch was Miss Ovic Bickers, daughter of Mr. J. M. Bickers, of Louisa

C. H., and was thirty years of age. She is survived by a husband and two chil-The bodies of mother and child were taken to Louisa C. H., this afternoon

market is still panicky, many people believing that the most serious crisis has not yet been reached.

While most persons knew the late Duke of Weinfards of We CASH OR GREDIT.

# CASH OR CREDIT

# This Will Be a Week of Great Opportunities.

HE cleaning-up week of the year. The time for weeding out and reducing stock. Profits will not figure into the calculations at all this week. We will simply try to dispose of as many goods as possible so as to start the New Year with a clean sheet. Many an article we have marked away below cost, and the thrifty housekeeper can pick up some choice bargains. Use our NEW CREDIT SYSTEM all you wish,



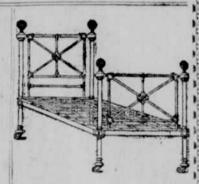
This very handsome Cobbler-Seat Rocker, mahogany finish, \$2.48



Bargains in:

Parlor Suits,

Ladies' Desks, Fancy Rockers, Bedroom Suits, Sideboards, Hall Racks, China Closets, Toilet Tables, Combination Cases, Lace Curtains, Portieres. Carpets,



Very handsome Brass Trimmed, White Enamelled Bed,

\$3.95



Superb Golden Oak or Mahogany Finish Parlor Tableothers ask \$4-only

\$1.08

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# INDIA LOYAL TO ENGLAND

Her People Acknowledge the Great Service Done Them.

FACTS ABOUT THE FAMINE THERE

Thousands Already Reduced to Living on Fruit of Cactus Plant-Cattle Dying-Unlimited Field for Private Benevolence.

"India will be loyal to England, English reverses in South Africa are calling forth in India regret, not jubilation. The intelligent people of India acknowledge with gratitude England's great service them, and the common people believe the good intentions and the blessings of peace and justice given them by the government under which they live." This is the opinion of the Rev. J. E.

Abbott, who is the editor of a newspaper in Hombay, which circulates among filndus and Christians. He has long been a resident of India as missionary under the

dus and Christians. He has long occurresident of India as missonary under the
American Board and in position to watch
the political feeling. He is lately from
there, but slace his arrival in this country he has been in receipt of letters and
papers which keep in touch with affairs
at what he now calls home.
"Speaking with perfect frankness and
with a knowledge of the acts and utterances of men who would, by their intelligence and position, be leaders were the
history of 1857 to be repeated, I may say
that the great energy with which the govrenment of india saved the lives of millions in the famine of scarcely more than
two years ago is not forgotten, and with
millions of lives in jeopardy from another
famine now begun and absolute dependence upon the government for their very nce upon the government for their very ence upon the government for their very existence, a suspicion of pevolt is an injustice to the intelligence and appreciation on the part of the Indian people. Queen Vict ria is loved by high and lew. Facts about the famine in India that has now commenced, and which affects thirty million of souls, are pertinent at this time in connection with India's possible position during England's troubles in South Africa. in South Africa.

EVEN BIRDS ALARMED.

"Thosuads are already reduced to the extremity of living on the fruit of the cactus plant. Cattle are dying by thousands. Even birds are alarmed. Dark as such a picture is, it cannot seem so dark to people in America as it does to me. I passed through the year 187 in India and to people in America as it does to interpassed through the year 1897 in India and the very thought of the horrors of it makes my heart sink. As a missionary working south and east Bombay it was my privite south and east Bombay it was my privite. ege to turn more or less from accustomed labor and devote time and strength to the labor and devote time and strength to the saving of human life. Day after day we missionaries had at our doors anywhere from one to five hundred famishing, emaciated men, women and children, living skeletons most of them, waiting for their daily dole of grain. Yet scenes in Central India were worse than with us.

Accidents Last Night.

Accidents Last Night.

White Clavin was badly injured about the head last night by being knocked down by an electric car on Main street.

H. G. David was cut over the eye and the ambulance was called and the surgeon treated him.

At 12 o'clock the ambulance was called to the First Police station to treat M. S. Craven. He was cut on the head and face.

ed by government aid, but many million were reduced to extremest poverty, with all possible revenue expended. Since 189 the rainfall has been below the average the rainfall has been below the average and the people have therefore not recovered their usual condition. It is on top of such a history that the rain has again falled, and now, with only two months of the familine period passed, government is helping two and a half millions.

INDUSTRIOUS RACE.

These people are a busy and industrious race. On their little farms of perhaps an acre they support themselves and ask no help of none. And those who have no land manage somehow to provide for their simple needs. But when the rains do not come, millions are helpless and foodless. The scenes which follow, even if elief be afforded by government, are of en mest terrible one:

ten most terrible ones.

"You ask why England does not care for her own? The government of England through its representative government in Inda has taken in hand the great problem of saving lives with an efficiency that deserves the praise and gratitude of the world. A Famine Code exists, brought np to date. Ready prepared plans for new roads, rillway embankment, irrigation works, exists, so that no time is lost works, exists, so that no time is lost in opening relief employment bureaus. This previous preparation is what has made it possible for relief to be afforded to two and a half million inside of six weeks from the beginning of the famine, it is a wonderful illustration of what therefore recognization can do when turned

A perfect organization can do when turned to the problem of saving life. "In connection with these relief employment agencies, which are widely distriuted, there are maintained kitchens for the free distribution of food for those who may become too feeble to work, and for the small children whose work is of no value. These relief camps mean the saving of millions of lives and human ity comes a debt of gratitude to England's representatives in India for the way in which they meet their terrible respons

PRIVATE BENEVOLENCE. "However much government does, there is an unlimited field for private benevolence. Government can do lithte more that save from starvation. Private aid chelp to relieve the terrible distress wh grows out of the famine. It can care fo the infirm, too weak to reach the rest camps. It can sell grain at a creap rate huy the products of the weavers, and look after children, both orphans made by in-death of the parents by the famine and pair—the latter a not inconsiderable number. Rich men of India, native and European are raising famine foods, but the field of suffering is no immense, involving so many millions, that other nations must help for humanity's sase. "In the famine three years ago farmers of Western States and records described."

of Western States, and people elsewhere that the need for helping her people come again, America's generosity must again be put to the test. While her pockets are full will she see a great nation in want? It is the very essence of our Christian faith that we must open hearts and purse when men cry for bread.

"Missionaires of the various boards working in the famine area are sending pleading letters and cablegrams for money with which to releve the suffering which they see. They are the best avenues for American heip, for with their native agents, teachers and preachers they form effective and ready made organizations for the wise distribution of relief. Treasur-ers of these boards will receive and for-ward money. India's cry is immediate ward money. India's cry is immediate Her people are not ungrateful to Ameri ca or to England and there is, in my judgment, no fear of political revolt,"

Fund for Lawton's Family WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Mc-Kiniey was among to-day's subscribers to the rund for the widow and family of General Lawton. The fund has reached about \$10,000, and will probably be given as a Christmas present.

# THE HUNT CLUB'S **GRAND SPEEDWAY**

An Up-to-Date Track for All Pur-

Work Being Done by Phillips & Alport Under Direction of E. T. D. Myers, Jr., at Considerable Outlay to the Club,

The need of a speedway or a driveway for fast horses has long been needed somewhere around Richmond. The old half-mile track at the Exposition Grounds was the only place for a long time that could be used for that purpuse, and, at the best, it was hardly a good place for that purpose, and since the Virginia State Agricultural Society ceased to exist, this track has been practically abandoned and those who kept fast horses had no where to speed their horses except along the roads and the Boulevard, and at this latter place driving is now limited to four

COMMITTEES APPOINTED. The members of the Deep Run Hunt Club, who, besides owning some good stee-plechasers and thoroughbreds, also own the fastest roadsters in the city. They realize the need of a speedway, and a committee was appointed consisting of committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs, J. K. Branch, Laughorne Putney, Stanhope Boiling, C. E. Doyle, J. T. Anderson, and Dr. J. A. White, to look into the advisability of converting the present mile runing track, which the Deep Run Hunt Club built about three years ago, into a track suitable for all purposes, and the outcome of the committee's labors has been, that a contract has been let to Phillips & Alport, the contractors, who have commenced work in filling in and grading the the track on the club grounds.

TO BE FINISHED BY SPRING. The work is under the supervision of Mr. T. D. Meyers, Jr., and is to be finished of the for the spring race meeting. The speedway will be enclosed by a neat fence to both sides, and will be perfectly level rom start to finish, and will be an exact mile, or according to the engineer's asurements, only two hundredth of a

At the lower end of the grounds near the Richmond. Fredericksburg and Po-tomac railroad, a fifty box stall stable will be erected, and a competent trainer will be employed for training horses. The last improvement contemplated is the erection of a covered grand-stand, which, when finished, will make the speedway complete in every particular. It is expected that next year several members will purchase fast roadsters, in which event some spirited contests will be held, Already several of the driving mem-bers have placed orders for light driving wagons, such as are now on the great speedway in New York.

Pardon for a "Trusty."

Mat Crawford, one of the colored "trusties" employed about the Capitol, was pardoned yesterday by the Governor. His term would have expired in ten days. He will be enabled to return to his home at Bristol in time to spend Christmas. Crawford was serving one year for succumbing to the temptation to puricin articles of value from the person.